

**Programme for the Joint Action ‘Equity Action’ kick-off and coordination meeting**  
**Jean Monnet Commission Building – Room M3, Luxembourg**  
**Thursday April 7th 10:00 am to Friday April 8th 13:00**

**Meeting aim:**

The aim of the meeting is to agree:

1. The overall methodology for the Joint Action and how we will work together.
2. The specific action plans for the 4 main strands of work, and what we need to do individually and collectively to ensure that the deliverables are met.
3. How we achieve added value from working and learning together, and building capacity.
4. How we ensure visibility at EU and MS level.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>Chair – Ray Earwicker</b>	
<b>- INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND –</b>	
10:00	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
10:15	<p><b>The EU context</b> (Charles Price)</p> <p>The Joint Action in the context of the EC communication, and expectations of the Commission from the delivery of the Joint Action.</p> <p>The session should also begin to identify how the Joint Action should relate to: Expert working group, Social protection committee, Committee of the Regions</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10:45	<p><b>Project Overview – ‘Equity Action’ on the Social Determinants of Health to Tackle Health Inequalities</b> (Chris Brookes, HAPI)</p> <p>Questions and discussion</p>
11:00	<b>Learning and potential synergies with the European Social</b>

	<p><b>Determinants and Health Divide Review – key domains of action and consideration of delivery mechanisms</b> (Jessica Allen, Co-Director - European Social Determinants and Health Divide Review Project Director)</p> <p>Questions and discussion.</p>
11:45 – 12:00 <i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>- ADMIN ISSUES -</b>	
12:00	<p><b>EAHC – Regulations and rules for managing the Joint Action</b> (Roisin Rooney)</p>
12:30	<p><b>Administrative arrangements</b></p> <p>Financial and reporting requirements – Chris Brookes, HAPI</p>
13:00 – 14:00 <i>Lunch in Commission canteen</i>	
<b>- ACTION PLAN DISCUSSIONS -</b>	
14:00	<p><b>Action Plan for developing the Scientific Reference Group</b> (Mariel Droomers, RIVM)</p> <p>Questions and discussion</p>
15:00	<p><b>Action Plan for ‘Tools to improve the equity focus in cross-government policy making’</b> (Stephen Gunther/Chris Brookes)</p> <p>Questions and discussions</p>
15:30	<p><b>Analysing the equity focus within the HIA – an initial review</b> (Stephen Gunther)</p> <p>Summary of the report, methods and key findings.</p>
15:45 – 16:00 <i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:00	<p><b>Member State readiness to undertake an efHIA/HEA - small group discussion and feedback.</b></p> <p>Discussion on what is needed for MS to undertake an HEA/HIA</p> <p>Identifying key policy area/ Working with other ministries/Identifying resources to help carry out an HIA.</p> <p>Opportunities for peer support.</p> <p>Discussion.</p>

16:45	<b>Starting Point for Health in All Policies and Inequalities in Health</b> (Marita Sihto, THL)  Questions and discussion on supporting an understanding of what works to foster integrated action on health inequalities across government – how can we learn from each other?
17:30	<b>Conclusions and Close</b>
19:00 <i>Dinner for those who wish to participate in Equity Action Dinner</i>	

## Friday 8th April

<b>- ACTION PLAN DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED) -</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Recap of previous day</b>
09:30	<b>Action Plan for facilitating broad stakeholder engagement</b> (Helene Reeman (BZgA), Edina Gabor (OEFI))  Questions and discussion of potential themes for stakeholder meetings.
10:30	<b>Action Plan for developing a regional/sub-national network to share learning</b> (Caroline Costongs/Claudia Marinetti, EuroHealthNet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of existing regional networks, initiatives and policies addressing HI</li><li>• Gaps and difficulties</li><li>• Planning and timeline WP5 - Questions and Discussion</li></ul>
<i>11:30 – 11.45 Coffee break</i>	
11:45	<b>Project Visibility</b>  Development of web portal and use as a dissemination tool. Developing a project identity.  (Yoline Kuipers, EuroHealthNet)  <b>Supporting Ministerial and cross-government engagement with the Joint Action</b> (Stig Erik Larson, Norwegian Directorate of Public Health)
12:30	<b>Concluding remarks</b>
12:45	<b>Close</b>